

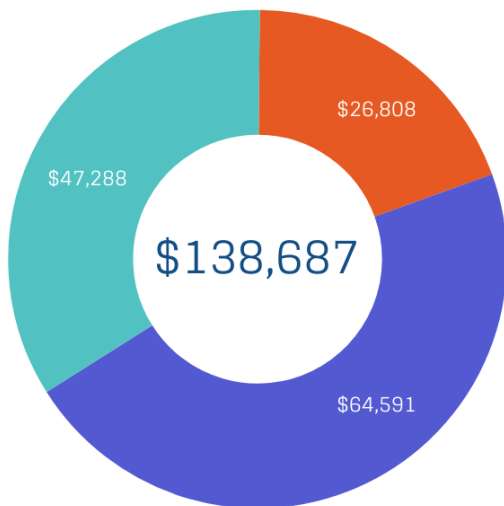
2017 Charles E. Shannon Community Safety Initiative FITCHBURG / GARDNER

Funded Partners

Fitchburg Police Department, Gardner Police Department, House of Peace and Education, Montachusett Opportunity Council, Mount Wachusett Community College, Shining Light Ministries, Inc., United Neighbors of Fitchburg

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts's Charles E. Shannon Community Safety Initiative (Shannon) is modeled after the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's Comprehensive Gang Model (CGM). Shannon is a multi-sector approach used to address a community's gang and youth violence problem. Each community receiving Shannon funding demonstrates the presence of risk factors for youth and gang violence. In each Shannon community, partners implement strategies that align with the CGM and respond to community problems. These strategies include education and employment opportunities, case management and street outreach or intervention, positive youth development and recreation, and coordinating a law enforcement response through suppression. Shannon participants must be between the ages of 10-24 years, live in a high-risk area, and be high-risk or at-risk of becoming involved, or are currently involved, in gang activity. To learn more visit: <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/shannon-community-safety-initiative-csi>

Funding Allocation



1,394 Total Youth Served

80%
At-Risk



Youth in danger of engaging in risky behavior or gang activity due to the presence of known risk factors such as exposure to gang affiliates in their home or community.

17%
High-Risk



Youth exposed to the same risk factors as at-risk youth, as well as additional risk factors such as school failure, dropping out, truancy, substance abuse, and gang involvement as an affiliate or member not yet participating in violent criminal activity.

3%
Proven-Risk



Youth who are perpetrators or victims of shooting or stabbing violence, and/or are known gang members.

= 10% of Youth Served

Shannon Strategies & Outcomes

Positive Youth Development & Recreation*



1,287

Participated in Positive Youth Development Programs

1,034

Developed Communication and Conflict Resolution Skills

635

Developed Leadership Skills

296

Engaged in Volunteer Work or Community Service

Education & Employment



757

Participated in Education Programs

109

Completed a Subsidized Summer Employment Program

Suppression



131

Law Enforcement Supported Home Visits

68

Hot Spot Patrols Completed

Community Mobilization



2,264

People Attended Events, Meetings, and Presentations

140

Community Events, Meetings, and Presentations Held

* Positive Youth Development refers to intentional efforts to provide opportunities for youth to enhance their interests, skills, and abilities.

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Community Risk Factors

	Massachusetts	Fitchburg	Gardner
Total Population (2016 Estimate)	6,811,779	40,414	20,430
Population Lives in Poverty	11.4%	19.1%	19.0%
Unemployment Rate	3.8%	5.2%	5.0%
Total School Population (2016-2017)	953,748	5,272	2,385
Economically Disadvantaged	30.2%	58.9%	49.6%
High School Dropout Rate	1.8%	3.8%	1.6%

Sources: www.census.gov/quickfacts; profiles.doe.mass.edu/; www.mass.gov/lwd/economic-data/

Gang Activity in Fitchburg

255
Active & Former
Gang Members

50
Gang Members
Under 25 Years Old

As of 2017, the Fitchburg Police Department (FPD) had identified up to 21 gangs, comprised of 255 active and former gang members in Fitchburg, of which 50 were under the age of 25. Gang activity in Fitchburg included weapons trade, narcotics trafficking, violent offenses, and property crime. A recent FPD traffic stop yielded over \$80,000 worth of crack cocaine and resulted in two drug trafficking arrests. For 2017, FPD received 110 weapons or shots fired related calls and 280 complaints regarding drug activity.

5-Year Crime Trends for Young People Ages 10-24, 2013-2017

